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PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT **ABANDONED UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)**

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Tierney et al

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Title:

STEERABLE IN-LINE SKATEBOARD

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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION.

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- Petition fee. (1)
- Reply and/or issue fee.
- (3)Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee-required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995, and for all design applications; and
- Adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay.

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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.137(a). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 8 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

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Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8	1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.				
A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ for other than a small entity) disclaiming herewith (see PTO/SB/63).					
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Petitioner:	Tierney Rides, LLC)
Serial No.:	10/039,570)
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PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.137(a)

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Petitioner, TIERNEY RIDES, LLC, the current owner of record of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/039,570, by and through its recently retained legal representative, MERONI & MERONI, P.C., hereby petitions the Honorable Commissioner for Patents to revive the subject application for patent abandoned "unavoidably" as that term has been construed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.137(a). It is Petitioner's contention that revival of the subject application for patent is warranted and justified under the provisions embodied in 37 C.F.R. 1.137(a) as the failure to respond to the Office Action dated February 24, 2003 (OFFICE ACTION) was unavoidable for the reasons stated

hereinafter. Petitioner submits that the present Petition is a timely Petition in light of the unavoidable nature of Petitioner's past failure to timely respond to the Office Action.

ISSUE PRESENTED FOR REVIEW:

Whether Applicant's/Petitioner's abandonment of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/039,570 was unavoidable within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(a), thereby justifying the revival of the subject application for continued prosecution on its merits.

RELIEF REQUESTED:

Patent Application Revival under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(a).

Petitioner respectfully petitions the Honorable Commissioner to revive U.S. Patent Application No. 10/039,570 and consider Petitioner's response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2003.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Applicant(s) Tyler Tierney, Kurt Tierney, Thomas A. Wozny, and Nicolas Nanos, and Luc Heiligenstein assigned their respective rights to the subject application without dating any of the assignment paperwork, but which assignment paperwork was received in the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) (notably not the Assignment Division) of the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 10, 2002 along with Assignment Recordation Fee(s) of \$160.00 (assignments of U.S. Patent Application No.

10/068,196; and International Patent Application Nos. PCT/US01/46049 and PCT/US0214678 were also to be recorded at that time). A copy of the Assignment paperwork is enclosed and marked as Exhibit A (11p) for the Commissioner's quick inspection. A copy of an OIPE date stamped postcard evidencing receipt of certain assignment recordation fee(s) is enclosed and marked as Exhibit B (1p). Petitioner contends that it has proper standing to petition the Commissioner for Patents for revival of the subject application based on these preliminary statements of fact as supported by the noted documentary evidence as lodged in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, despite certain previous attorneys' mishandling of the matter(s).

Ms. Sandy Hogan was hired by Petitioner as Chief Operations Officer (COO) in December of 2000. Ms. Hogan was terminated from employment in October 2001, less than one year later. During this time, Petitioner was developing a new product line, namely, a steerable, in-line skateboard. Barnes & Thornburg, the previous attorneys of record, were referred to Petitioner via a friend (unknown) of Ms. Hogan as a reputable law firm capable of providing Petitioner with certain legal services to properly protect certain utilitarian intellectual property inherent in its newly developing product as well as certain source-identifying intellectual property also associated with the newly developing product.

Indeed, Barnes & Thornburg is a large, multi-state firm. The firm maintains a web-site at: www.btlaw.com. A copy of a firm's history page is enclosed and marked as Exhibit C (1p). Notably, as is well known in the industry and as is confirmed by a further inspection of the web-site, it is clear that the firm has an extensive intellectual property practice. A copy of the firm's intellectual property page is further enclosed and marked

as Exhibit D (3p).

As Petitioner's COO, Ms. Hogan assumed power to handle Petitioner's intellectual property matters Messrs. Tierney and Tierney were busy traveling, promoting the product lines then offered by Petitioner. Ms. Hogan, with reigns in hand, embarked in search of an intellectual property bonanza during this time. Notably, the undersigned has been in practice for over 40 years in the field and has had considerable experience working with large intellectual property firms. Never has this writer ever witnessed so much expenditure for such a small outfit in so little time. As earlier noted, Ms Hogan was terminated less than one year after being hired by Petitioner and during the course of her tenure obliged Petitioner in excess of \$500,000, roughly half of which was spent on various intellectual property projects, most of which were not authorized and most of which were frivolous (as admitted by Mr. Thomas J. Donovan, partner with Barnes & Thornburg, discussed in more detail hereinafter).

The grounds for Ms. Hogan's termination are easily understood when one considers the following examples of her illegality to which Petitioner fell victim: (1) signing checks without authorization; (2) reimbursing herself out of Petitioner's accounts for personal items (such as sink hardware and bathroom accessories); (3) no accounting for outstanding Purchase Orders; (4) hiding Purchase Orders; (5) authorizing Purchase Orders without obtaining proper approval; (6) hiding spent money by spending more money (i.e. seeking venture capital to cover lost money); and (7) entering into long-term (and costly) contracts without authorization.

More readily understood everyday terms descriptive of the foregoing types of behavior are embezzlement, fraud, and theft. Petitioner is the victim of any number of crimes, which crimes left Petitioner with unknown debts to unknown creditors and thus,

Petitioner had no way of knowing the degree to which its budget for the patent

application in question had been undermined by Ms. Hogan and abetted by Barnes &

Thornburg.

To be sure, Barnes & Thornburg is not without guilt. By Barnes & Thornburg's own amission (as orally stated by Mr. Thomas J. Donovan, a partner at Barnes & Thornburg (See Exhibit E (1p)) to Mr. Kurt Tierney) roughly 70% - 80% of the intellectual property projects authorized by Ms. Hogan were not necessary to properly protect the intellectual property assets owned by Petitioner. In this regard, Mr. Donovan stated to Mr. K. Tierney of Petitioner, that roughly 20% - 30% of the projects were legally necessary or required and roughly 70% – 80% of the projects were frivolous. Simple math would thus seem to indicate that roughly \$200,000 was spent on unnecessary projects, which unnecessary projects were never authorized by Petitioner. Having no notice from Barnes & Thornburg (i.e a reputable intellectual property law firm) that any many of the filings were excessive, Petitioner's coffers continued to be depleted.

Enclosed herewith and marked as Exhibit F (4p) is a listing of all the patent applications and trademark applications on file with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and elsewhere as authorized by Ms. Hogan and filed by Barnes & Thornburg. Petitioner further notes that a great deal of the work product as provided Petitioner is rather shoddy. Case in point: the subject application. It will be noted from an inspection of the File Wrapper that the Declaration, the Information Disclosure Statement, the Assignment paperwork, and even the patent application itself is replete

with informal errors and such. Without ceding any breadth to the patent application itself, it is noted that ALL of the prior art relied upon by the U.S. Patent Examiner to substantively reject the claims of records was first cited by Applicants (through their then attorneys). Any reputable law firm should know how to properly prepare and file papers (and avoid prior art sitting in front of them). Errors of this type no doubt needlessly cost Petitioner additional out-of-pocket expense. Petitioner thus further questions whether its then attorneys of record ought to also be held liable for needlessly incurring added expense with regard to the various projects.

Petitioner takes note that a delay resulting from a deliberately chosen course of action on the part of an applicant does not become an "unintentional" delay within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) because the applicant remains interested in eventually obtaining a patent, but simply seeks to defer patent fees and patent prosecution expenses. Petitioner takes further note that the unavoidable delay standard is the "epitome" of "unintentional" delay. Notably, in this case, it ever was and continues to be Petitioner's intention to obtain a patent. Petitioner did NOT simply seek to defer patent fees and patent prosecution expenses by deferring patent prosecution fees. Indeed, Petitioner has been forced to incur more than its rightful share of patent prosecution fees, and will continue to do so until it has recouped all that which was lost (and is to be regained). Petitioner was the victim of any number of crimes and having been robbed of its investment to fund the patent and trademark projects (as listed in Exhibit F), its failure to respond to the Office Action in the subject application was more a result of crimes against Petitioner and less a result of any sort of intentional delay question.

Petitioner notes that decisions on reviving abandoned applications on the basis of

unavoidable delay have adopted the reasonably prudent person standard in determining if the delay was unavoidable:

"The word unavoidable ... is applicable to ordinary human affairs, and requires no more or greater care or diligence than is generally used and observed by prudent and careful men in relation to their most important business. It permits them in the exercise of this care to rely upon the ordinary and trustworthy agencies of mail and telegraph, worthy and reliable employees, and such other means and instrumentalities as are usually employed in such important business. If unexpectedly, or through the unforeseen fault or imperfection of these agencies and instrumentalities, there occurs a failure, it may properly be said to be unavoidable, all or conditions or promptness in its rectification being present." See In re Mattullath, 38 App. D.C. 497, 514-15 (1912)(quoting Pratt, 1887 Dec. Comm'r Pat. 31, 32-33 (1887)).

Given that even docketing errors have been held to provide grounds for upholding a finding of "unavoidable" delay, surely being the victim of an untold number of crimes, the ultimate effect of which was to deplete Petitioner's coffers of all funding without any recourse, falls into an unavoidable category. Indeed, the words as spoken by the Commissioner for Patents in Pratt, 1887 hold especially true for Petitioner in this case.

Moreover, Petitioner looks to other areas of law and finds additional support for this line of reasoning. For example, under well-established contract principles, contracts are commonly voided for reasons stemming from illegality. Indeed, if one of the parties to a contract commits a crime or contracts to commit a crime, the illegal portions of the contract hold little merit.

Petitioner consulted outside counsel (Meroni & Meroni, P.C.) in September 2005 at which time Petitioner had satisfied many of its outstanding debts and was in a position

to further its intellectual property projects, if possible. After having divulged the foregoing series of events to the undersigned, counsel for Petitioner recommended that all intellectual property files be transferred to Meroni & Meroni, P.C. from Barnes & Thornburg. Having received the files and reviewed the various matters that then were dormant or abandoned, counsel advised Petitioner as to its remedies, if any.

In this case, Petitioner forwarded an Advanced Fee Payment/Retainer to the current counsel of record on September 30, 2005, at which time the matter was docketed for action. For the record, it will be noted that less than two months later, this Petition is being filed with the Honorable Commissioner for Patents with a prayer for relief and it is Petitioner's belief that this Petition is timely in light of the facts of this case.

As such, it ever was and continues to be Petitioner's intent to prosecute U.S.

Patent Application No. 10/039,570. Petitioner submits that the delayed response to the

Office Action was the result of being faced with bankruptcy or continued patent

prosecution, which bankruptcy was unlawfully forced upon Petitioner. In an effort to

remain credible in the financial community, Petitioner was essentially forced to

discontinue prosecution of the subject patent application (and indeed all other

applications then pending with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and

indeed its business in general). In this last regard, the Honorable Commissioner is invited

to inspect the United States Patent and Trademark Office records as a way to confirm that

all the applications on file with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, not then

finalized, were unavoidably abandoned.

Petitioner hereby prays for relief from the Honorable Commissioner for Patents.

In accordance with the several provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.137(a), Petitioner hereby

submits a response to the Office Action and a fee for this Petition. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fee, surcharge or petition deficiency to Deposit Account No. 502063 as authorized in the accompanying Petition Form No. PTO/SB/61. In this last regard, the Honorable Commissioner for Patents is authorized to specifically charge any fee deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 502063 if the Commissioner is of the opinion that a revival of the subject application is more proper under a different theory, such as a theory based upon 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b). Indeed, if issues remain which may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Commissioner is cordially invited to call Petitioner's undersigned attorney. If attempts to reach the undersigned attorney are not successful, please be advised that Christopher J. Scott, Registration No. 48,647, may also be contacted with regard to this matter. Mr. Scott has been in regular communication with the undersigned regarding this Petition. Further, Mr. Scott is listed under the firm's Customer Number with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, namely, Customer Number 30114, and thus may be deemed a proper legal representative of Petitioner.

> Respectfully submitted, Attorney for Applicant

DATED: ///23/05
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P.O. Box 309
Barrington, IL 60011
847.304.1500 telephone

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Charles F. Meroni, Jr.
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EXHIBIT A

Attorney Docket No. 27734-92540; 27734-93149; 27734-93534; 27734-92923

RECORDATION OF ASSIGNMENT OF PATENTS

Box Assignments Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

1. CONVEYING PARTIES:

Attn:	Assignment Branch - Patents
Sir:	

It is requested that the Assignment Branch record the properties listed below.

Luc Heiligenstein

2. RECEIVING PARTY: Tierney Rides LLC

2155 Stonington Avenue, Suite 208, Hoffman estates, Illinois 60195

3. INTEREST CONVEYED: Assignment

EXECUTION DATES: Undated; Undated: July 31, 2002; August 8, 2002; and July 26, 2002

4. PROPERTIES: <u>U.S. Application Serial No. 10/039,570; PCT International Application No.</u>

PCT/US01/46049; U.S. Application Serial No. 10/068,196; and PCT

International Application No. PCT/US02/14678

5. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS:

Barnes & Thornburg

750 17th Street, N.W., Suite 900 Washington, D.C. 20006

Kurt Tierney; Tyler Tierney; Thomas A. Wozny; Nicholas Nanos; and

(202) 289-1313

- 6. FEE CALCULATION: $4 \times 40 = 160.00$
- A check in the amount of \$160.00 made payable to the Director of Patents and Trademarks is attached hereto.
- 8. Should there be any over- or under-payment, authorization to apply or charge the Deposit Account of Barnes & Thornburg, No. 02-1010 (27734-92540; 27734-93149; 27734-93534; 27734-92923) therefore is hereby granted.
- 9. The undersigned states that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained on this cover sheet is true and correct and any copy submitted herewith is a true copy of the original document.

Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments and documents: 11

Respectfully submitted,

BARNES & THORNBURG

Richard B. Lazarus Reg. No. 48,215 (202) 289-1313

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS the undersigned, THOMAS A. WOZNY, Roselle, IL, is the maker of an invention that is the subject of a utility patent application filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office entitled STEERABLE IN-LINE SKATEBOARD, U.S. Application Serial No. 10/039,570, filed October 26, 2001, and PCT Int'l Application No. PCT/US01/46049, filed October 31, 2001; and a utility application entitled STEERABLE IN-LINE STREET SKI, U.S. Application Serial No. 10/068,196, filed February 4, 2002 and PCT Int'l Application No. PCT/US02/14678, filed May 8, 2002 ("the Applications"); and

WHEREAS, TIERNEY RIDES LLC, is a Delaware corporation with a principal place of business at 2155 Stonington Ave, Suite 208, Hoffman Estates, IL 60195 ("Assignee");

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,

The undersigned sells, assigns, and transfers to the Assignee, the undersigned's entire right, title, and interest in and to the Applications, including all priority rights arising therefrom, inventions disclosed therein, and patents that the United States or any other country may grant for such inventions, including the right to sue for all past, present, or future infringement of said patents.

The undersigned agrees to execute all papers and perform all other acts necessary to obtain or maintain any patent issuing from the Applications or any counterpart application in the United States or any foreign country, including any continuing, divisional, or reissue application, and any reexamination of any such application, and to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as Assignee deems necessary or expedient.

The undersigned agrees to execute all necessary papers in connection with any litigation or interference concerning the Applications or any counterpart application, and to cooperate with the Assignee to obtain and present evidence in connection with such litigation or interference.

The undersigned authorizes and requests the United States Director of Patents to issue any Letters Patent of the United States resulting from the Applications, any counterpart application, and any reexamination of any of such application, to the Assignee, as assignee of the undersigned's entire interest thereto.

The undersigned covenants that the he has full right to convey the interest herein assigned and has not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

The undersigned grants Assignee's attorney of record the power to insert on this assignment any further identification necessary or desirable to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recording this document, including the serial number of the utility patent application and filing date for same when known.

Executed this 31 day of 100, 2002,	
at Pesseut II	Dund I Wig LAS A. WOZNY
STATE OF } SS: COUNTY OF Differ }	
Acknowledged before me, a Notary Public, within and for smy hand and Notarial Seal this day of	said County and State. Witness
My Commission Expires: 5/14/2006	"OFFICIAL SEAL" Christopher D. Galloway Notary Public, State of Illinois My Commission Exp. 05/14/2006

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS the undersigned, NICHOLAS NANOS, Roselle, IL, is the maker of an invention that is the subject of a utility patent application filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office entitled STEERABLE IN-LINE SKATEBOARD, U.S. Application Serial No. 10/039,570, filed October 26, 2001, and PCT Int'l Application No. PCT/US01/46049, filed October 31, 2001; and a utility application entitled STEERABLE IN-LINE STREET SKI, U.S. Application Serial No. 10/068,196, filed February 4, 2002 and PCT Int'l Application No. PCT/US02/14678, filed May 8, 2002 ("the Applications"); and

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	Acknowledged before me, a Notary Public, within and for said County and State. Witness y hand and Notarial Seal this day of, 2002.
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	Ty Commission Expires: 57/9/2006
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Christopher D. Galloway Notary Public, State of Illinois My Commission Exp. 05/14/2006

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WHEREAS, TIERNEY RIDES LLC, is a Delaware corporation with a principal place of business at 2155 Stonington Ave, Suite 208, Hoffman Estates, IL 60195 ("Assignee");

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